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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Attorney Docket No. 03.08.21.1
William D. Taper) Art Unit 3676
Serial No. 10/766,235) Examiner: Suzanne Dino Barrett
Filing Date: January 28, 2004)
Title: **LOCKING MECHANISM FOR HANDCUFFS**)
) Duncan, Oklahoma 73534
) Date: October 15, 2004

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004, in which the Examiner objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure and rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 112, paragraph 2. The Examiner indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended. The Examiner objected to use of the word "invention" in the Abstract of the Disclosure.

Please cancel the original Abstract of the Disclosure and substitute therefor a new Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet of paper.


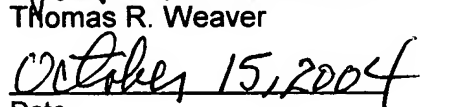
Please cancel independent claim 1 and substitute therefor new claims 2 through 13 which are attached on a separate sheet of paper. New claims 2 and 13 are independent claims. New independent claims 3 through 12 depend from new independent claim 2. No new fees are required.

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